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Bad day proves profitable for vacationing resident

Ryan Standifer was not having a good day. Approximately two weeks ago, he'd been to Kentucky to visit a friend, Jeremy Goodrum. He was northbound on I-65, about a half hour south of Indianapolis, when his car broke down. "It's never done that before," he said.

Standifer pulled over to the side of the road, then began a two-mile hike to get help. It was then that he noticed a suitcase lying in the ditch near his car.

Standifer checked the contents, and found checks, credit cards and the name and address of the suitcase's owner.

He also found something else. A false bottom in the suitcase contained a leather drawstring pouch. Inside the pouch was "a honking big ring" with a jade center stone and 40 diamonds, Standifer said. "I thought it was fake, it was so gaudy."

But calls to the suitcase's owner proved him

wrong - the ring was real.

Standifer tried to call the owner, who lives in the Schaumburg-Palatine area, with no luck. He then tried the police, both where the owner lives and in the area where the bag was found. No one had reported it missing.

A few days later, however, Standifer got a call from police in northern Illinois. The owner, who was vacationing in Florida, had contacted them to get the suitcase back.

Standifer spent \$70 of his own money to ship the suitcase to the owner. Often, that would be the end of the story, but not this time.

The owner, whom Standifer identified as an older woman, sent him a letter thanking him for returning the property - "thank you, blah, blah, blah - mushy stuff" - and not only reimbursed him for shipping the suitcase, but also gave him a

See PROFIT on other side

Briefly...

Street drive results

The United Way street corner drive Saturday netted \$1,800.

Volunteers from the approximately 20 agencies receiving funds from the Grant Township United Way took to street corners to collect donations from motorists. The collection replaced the annual residential drive.

The United Way campaign was expected to end Monday.

Energy assistance sign-up

Low income families may sign up for assistance with winter heating bills.

The Hoopeston Multi Agency Service Center will begin accepting applications today for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Those wishing assistance should call the Multi Agency at 283-5544 for an appointment. Applicants must provide proof of income for the last 30 days, current energy bills, including gas and electric and Social Security cards for each family member.

Applications will be taken through March or until funds are depleted.



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Up & Coming

Fall concert

The Hoopeston Area Junior High and High School Fall Concert will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8 in the junior high gym. Featured in performances will be the seventh and eighth grade choruses and bands, freshman chorus, varsity chorus and the Marching Cornjerkers.

Playcrafters performance

The Hoopeston Playcrafters will present

"Cactus Flower" at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 4-5 and 3 p.m. Nov. 6 at the McFerren Park Civic Center. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 13 and younger. Call (217) 283-5223 for advance tickets.

Friends of the Library

Hoopeston's Friends of the Library will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3. For more information, call the library at 283-6711.

Obituaries

BAKER - Colleen K. Baker, 54, of Potomac, was found dead Oct. 30, 1994. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church of Potomac. Burial will be in Mann's Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Wolfe Funeral Home in Potomac. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners.

SMITH - Jason Scott Smith, 20, of Potomac, was found dead Oct. 30, 1994. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church of Potomac. Burial will be in

Mann's Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Wolfe Funeral Home in Potomac. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners.

Weather



Today, cloudy early, then mostly sunny. High in the low 50s. Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 30s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 64, low near 35.

Profit continued from other side
\$300 reward.

The owner told Standifer the suitcase had been stolen while she and her husband were on their way to Florida. "I guess the crooks were too stupid to be real thorough," he said.

The money came at a good time. "I'd had a check bounce last week, so the money came in handy," he said.

Beside replenishing his checking account, Standifer also tithed and treated his family to a steak dinner. The rest will go for bills, he said.

Standifer does not take his windfall for granted. "I was so thankful," he said. "I needed that something fierce. On the way to the bank, I was grinning from ear to ear."

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Oct. 27, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: George Anderson, Hoopeston.
Oct. 28, 1994

Admitted: Roy Winger, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Hazel-Marie Wells, Hoopeston.
Oct. 29, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Oct. 30, 1994

Admitted: Nadine Longfellow and Hazel Haire, both of Hoopeston.

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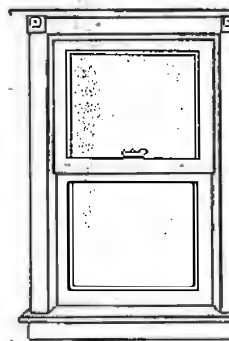


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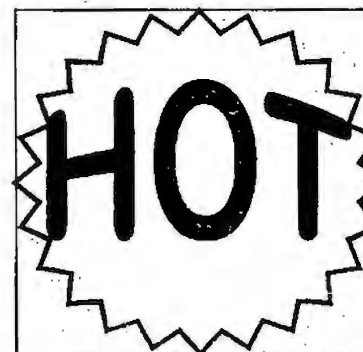
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